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## NOTICE OF REMOVAL OF DOMESTIC SECTION 214 APPLICATION FROM STREAMLINED TREATMENT

WC Docket No. 05-160

The application listed in this notice has been removed from streamlined treatment pursuant to the Commission's streamlined procedures for domestic section 214 transfer of control applications.\(^1\) Section 63.03(c)(1)(v) of the Commission's rules provides that at any time after an application is filed, the Commission, acting through the Chief of the Wireline Competition Bureau, may notify an applicant that its application is being removed from streamlined processing where the Commission "determines that the application requires further analysis to determine whether a proposed transfer of control would serve the public interest."\(^2\)

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for Transfer of Control of Pymatuning Independent Telephone Company to Pymatuning Holding Company, Inc., WC Docket No. 05-160, DA 05-1046 (rel. Apr. 8, 2005)

On April 8, 2005, the Commission released a public notice accepting for streamlined processing a domestic section 214 application involving Pymatuning Holding Company, Inc., PITC Acquisition Sub Inc., the transferee, and The Pymatuning Independent Telephone Company, the transferor (collectively the "Applicants"). Specifically, the Applicants request approval to transfer control of The Pymatuning Independent Telephone Company to Pymatuning Holding Company, Inc.<sup>3</sup> On April 21, 2005, the Department of Justice ("DOJ"), including the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), with the concurrence of the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") (collectively, the "Executive Branch Agencies") filed with the Commission a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 63.03; Implementation of Further Streamlining Measures for Domestic Section 214 Authorizations, 17 FCC Rcd 5517 (2002) (Streamlining Order).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(c)(1)(v).

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joint petition to defer grant of this application while the Executive Branch Agencies and Applicants address potential national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues.4

This application is being removed from streamlined review in response to the request filed by the Executive Branch Agencies. Final action on this application should be expected once the Commission has received notification from the Executive Branch Agencies that the evaluation has been completed, but in no event later than 180 days from public notice that the applications were accepted for filing.<sup>5</sup>

For further information, please contact Tracey Wilson-Parker, at (202) 418-1394 or Kim Jackson at (202) 418-7393, Competition Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau.

See Letter from Laura H. Parsky, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission,, WC Docket No. 05-160 (filed Apr. 21, 2005).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(c)(2).